Sl. No.	Name of Post	Pay Scale (Rs.)	IRCC	Outside sources
6.	Manager	10000-15200	—	37
7.	Sr. Accounts Officer	8000-13,500	—	2
8.	Accounts Officer	7450-11500	2	12
9.	Assistance Manager	6500-10500	3	1
10.	Assistant Programmer	7450-11500	—	2
11.	Personnel Assistant	5500-9000	4	16
12.	Work Supervisor	5000-8000	—	1
13.	Accountant	6300/- p.m.(consolidated)	—	37
14.	Junior Hindi Translator	4500-7000	1	—
15.	Steno Grade-D	4000-6000	2	34
16.	Record Keeper	4000-6000	1	—

Levy of Cess on Petrol and Diesel for Developmental Projects

2725. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to impose additional cess on petrol and diesel for development of road infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the road tax is not sufficient to finance road maintenance and development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) At present no decision has been taken.

(c) Road tax collection in various States is being done by the States and is not being exclusively earmarked for development and maintenance of roads.

Financial assistance to states for sick units

2726. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of financial assistance provided to Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh for sick Small Scale Industries; and

(b) what effective measures are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Government does not provide any financial assistance to the States/UTs for rehabilitation of sick small scale industries (SSIs.) Financial assistance to SSIs including for the rehabilitation of sick SSIs, is provided in the country by the Primary

Lending Institutions (PLIs) including the Commercial Banks. The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has, however, a refinance scheme for the PLIs in respect of financial assistance extended by them for rehabilitation of sick SSI units.

(b) The Government is fully seized of the problem of industrial sickness amongst the SSI units and has taken various measures to facilitate timely identification and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick industries, which *inter alia*, includes institutional mechanism in the form of State Level Inter-Institutional Committees, special rehabilitation cells in banks and State Financial Institutions and elaborate guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India for extending rehabilitation assistance to eligible units. Further, with a view to strengthen the SSI sector and enhance its competitiveness both domestically and globally, the Government have announced a Comprehensive Policy Package which consists of *inter-alia* enhanced fiscal and credit support, better infrastructural and marketing facilities and incentives for technology upgradation.

Production and demand of Khadi Industry

†2727. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of future production capacity and demand of Khadi Industry during the ensuing decade;

(b) whether Government have discussed this matter with the Commerce Ministry to identify markets for Khadi garments for export; and

(c) whether Government propose to provide subsidies to the Khadi producers and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir. However, a Subgroup (on KVI Sector) of Working Group on Small Scale Industry (SSI) for 10th Plan has formulated production and employment targets under Khadi upto 2006-07.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Normal rebate and special rebates are given by the KVIC. Under the Khadi Package, announced on 14.5.2001, these rebates are envisaged to continue for 5 years.

New Avenues for KVIC

2728. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether is is a fact that the Khadi and Village Industries Commission proposes to diversify its activities by taking up the items other than Khadi products;

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.